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Agency Background Statement to LSB 5186XD (13)

This bill expands the Iowa learning online initiative (ILO) to allow a student receiving independent private instruction, receiving competent private instruction by a licensed practitioner (including but not limited to instruction in nonaccredited nonpublic schools), or private instruction by a nonlicensed person to participate and complete coursework if the individual responsible for providing any of the specified forms of private instruction pays to the initiative a fee established by the department of education for such coursework.

Under the bill, individuals providing any of the three specified forms of private instruction will receive the student's scores for completed coursework.

Currently, only school districts and accredited nonpublic schools may partner with the initiative to provide distance education to high school students. This bill expands the options for high-quality teaching and learning to students receiving private instruction through home schooling or nonaccredited nonpublic schools in a manner that does not create costs to local districts, and creates an additional means for such students and their families to connect with high-quality instruction and coursework.

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